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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 20 and 24 as set forth below.

1-19. (Canceled)

- 20. (Currently amended) A method for diagnosing erythrocyte hemolysis in a subject who may have suspected of having erythrocyte hemolysis comprising the steps of:
 - (a) obtaining a serum sample from said subject; and
- (b) determining the level of erythrocyte adenylate kinase activity in said sample, the presence of at least about 20 U/L erythrocyte adenylate kinase activity in said sample being indicative of erythrocyte hemolysis in said subject.

21-23. (Canceled)

- 24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein <u>determination of</u> erythrocyte adenylate kinase activity <u>comprises</u> is <u>determined by</u> determining the proportion of <u>erythrocyte adenylate kinase</u> total adenylate kinase activity to <u>total</u> adenylate kinase erythrocyte adenylate kinase activity.
- 25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein erythrocyte adenylate kinase activity is determined using an antibody that is specific for adenylate kinase.
- 26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the antibody is specific for erythrocyte adenylate kinase.